AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of mounting a headlight fixture in a vehicle hood, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~providing~~ molding a vehicle hood with an open cavity therein, the open cavity defined by an overhang and an under-hang in the vehicle hood, the molded vehicle hood further comprising ~~and at least~~ a ~~first~~ a headlight-mounting flange member extending substantially vertically down from an inside surface of the vehicle hood ~~juxtaposed with the open cavity~~;

providing at least a first headlight and a flexible, semi-rigid reflective material having at least a first hole;

installing the at least first headlight to the ~~at least first~~ headlight-mounting flange member such that the at least first headlight extends into the open cavity; ~~and,~~

inserting the reflective material into the open cavity of the hood such that the at least first hole receives the at least first headlight; and

folding the reflective material such that a first end of the reflective material attaches to the headlight-mounting flange and an opposite end of the reflective material attaches to the under-hang of the vehicle hood to form a curved surface ~~is properly~~ positioned to reflect light from the at least first headlight ~~through~~ out of the open cavity.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the steps of:~~ providing the reflective material as a flexible, semi-rigid material with an opaque back.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim [[2]] 1 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

providing the open cavity of the hood with a periphery; and,

positioning the reflective material such that ~~a portion of the back of the reflective material comes in contact with the flange and~~ at least a portion of the outer edge of the reflective material contacts at least a portion of the open cavity periphery.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 wherein ~~the step of~~ positioning the reflective material such that ~~a portion of the back of the reflective material comes in contact with the flange and~~ at least a portion of the outer edge of the reflective material contacts at least a portion of the open cavity periphery further comprises ~~the step of~~:

forming the reflective material into a parabolic shape.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim [[1]] 3 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~providing~~ molding the hood with a second flange member extending down from the inside surface of the vehicle hood ~~juxtaposed with~~ at the rear of the open cavity and the reflective material with a second hole;

providing a second headlight;

installing the second headlight to the second flange member such that the second headlight extends into the ~~first~~ open cavity;

inserting the reflective material into the open cavity of the hood such that the second hole receives the second headlight ~~and~~ such that the reflective material ~~is properly positioned to reflect~~ reflects light from the first and second headlights ~~through~~ out of the open cavity.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~providing the open cavity of the hood with a periphery; and,~~

positioning the reflective material such that a portion of the back of the reflective material comes in contact with the second flange.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein ~~the step of~~ positioning the reflective material such that a portion of the back of the reflective material comes in contact with the second flange further comprises the step of:

forming the reflective material into a parabolic shape.

8. (Currently amended) A method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~providing~~ molding a vehicle hood with an open cavity and a first and second headlight-mounting flange member extending down from an inside surface of the vehicle hood ~~juxtaposed within the open cavity~~, wherein the open cavity further includes a periphery, an overhang and an under-hang;

providing a first and second headlight and a semi-rigid reflective material having a first and second hole and an opaque back;

installing the first and second headlights to the first and second flange member such that the first and second headlights extend into the open cavity; inserting the reflective material into the open cavity of the hood such that the first and second hole receive the first and second headlight respectively and the reflective material is properly positioned to reflect light from the first and second headlights through the open cavity;

positioning the reflective material such that a portion of the back of the reflective material comes in contact with the first and second flanges and at least a portion of the outer edge of the reflective material contacts at least a portion of the open cavity periphery; and

forming the reflective material into a parabolic shape.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of forming an injection-molded component having complex molded features including a cavity, a C-shaped open cavity defined by an overhang, an under-hang and a periphery, at least one flange member containing at least one hole comprising the steps of:

providing an upper mold portion, a lower mold portion, a molten resin, and a runner;

abutting the upper mold portion to the lower mold portion thereby forming a hollow portion;

injecting the molten resin through the runner and into the hollow portion of the mold; forming a molded resin product;

curing the resin;

moving the upper mold portion away from the lower mold portion; and,

removing the molded part from the mold.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 further comprising the steps of:

providing the upper and lower mold portions with a contact surface.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising the steps of:

providing the lower mold portion with a top rounded portion including openings.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of abutting the upper mold portion to the lower mold portion thereby forming a cavity further comprises:

abutting the contact surface of the upper mold portion to the contact surface of the lower mold portion.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein the molded component is a lawn tractor hood.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of forming an injection-molded component having complex molded features including a cavity, a C-shaped open cavity defined by an overhang, an under-hang, and a periphery, at least one flange member containing at least one hole comprising the steps of:

providing an upper mold portion including a contact surface, a lower mold portion including a contact surface and a top rounded portion with openings, a molten resin, and a runner;

abutting the contact surface of the upper mold portion to the contact surface of the lower mold portion thereby forming a hollow portion;

injecting the molten resin through the runner and into the hollow portion of the mold;

forming a molded resin component in the shape of a lawn tractor hood;

curing the resin; moving the upper mold portion away from the lower mold portion; and,

removing the molded component from the mold.

15. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the headlight mounting flange member is a substantially planer member extending from the surface of the vehicle hood into the cavity.

16. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein a distal end of the headlight mounting flange does not contact the under-hang of the hood such that the reflective material forms a curved surface from the headlight mounting flange to the under-hang.

17. (New) A method of mounting a headlight fixture in a vehicle hood, the method comprising:

molding a vehicle hood having an open cavity therein and a molded headlight mounting flange, the open cavity defined by an overhang and an under-hang in the vehicle hood and the headlight-mounting flange, wherein the headlight mounting flange extends substantially vertically down from an inside surface of the vehicle hood and is positioned at the rear of the cavity;

installing a headlight to the headlight-mounting flange such that the headlight extends into the open cavity;

inserting a semi-rigid, flexible reflective material with a headlight hole into the cavity, the reflective material being positioned such that the hole receives the headlight; and

folding the reflective material such that a first end of the reflective material attaches to the headlight-mounting flange and an opposite end of the reflective material attaches to the under-hang of the vehicle hood to form a curved surface positioned to reflect light from the at least first headlight out of the open cavity.